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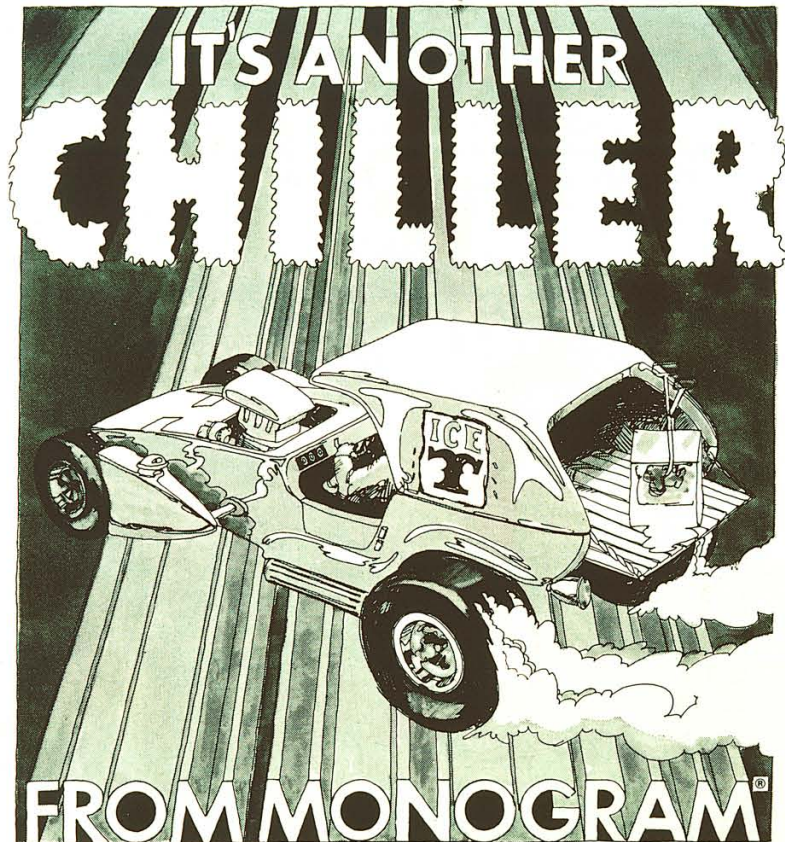
I'VE NO
PLACE TO TURN!
THE WHOLE
CITY'S AGAINST
ME!



THE MAN
CALLED

FEATURING THE
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BULLIT!



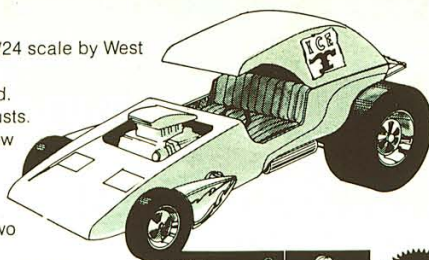
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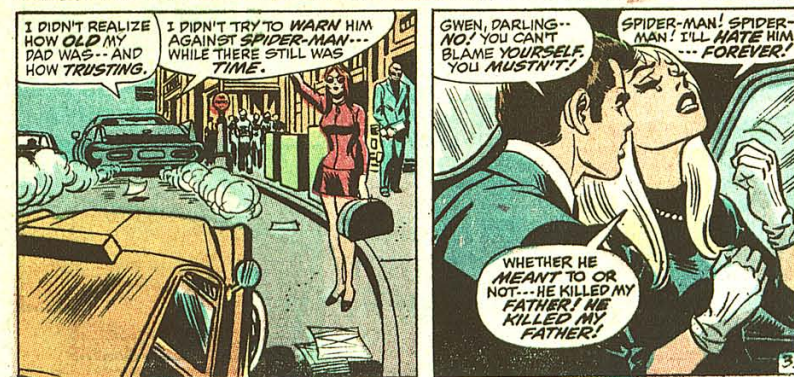
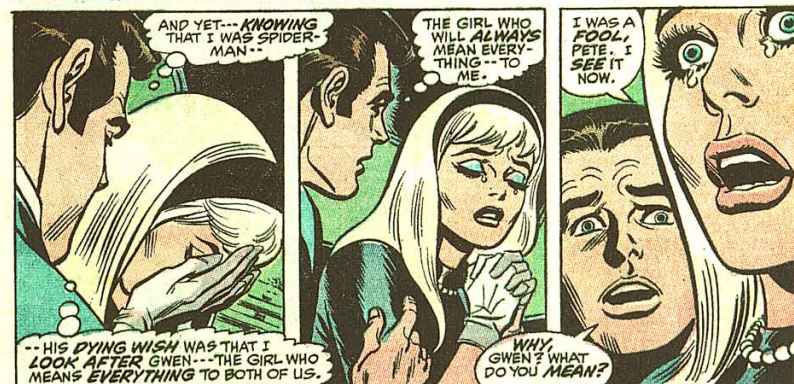
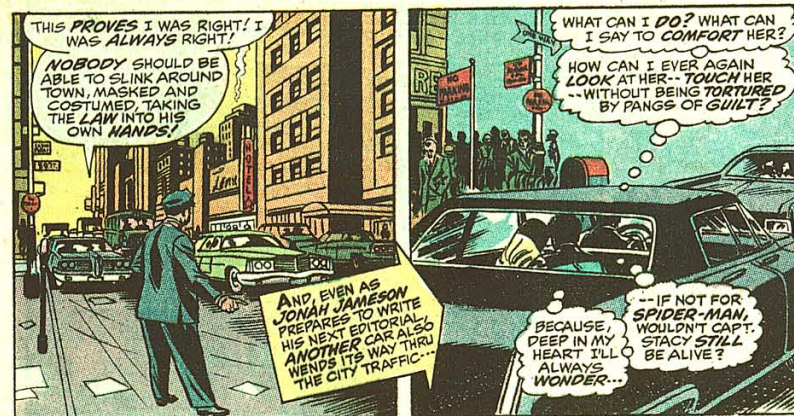
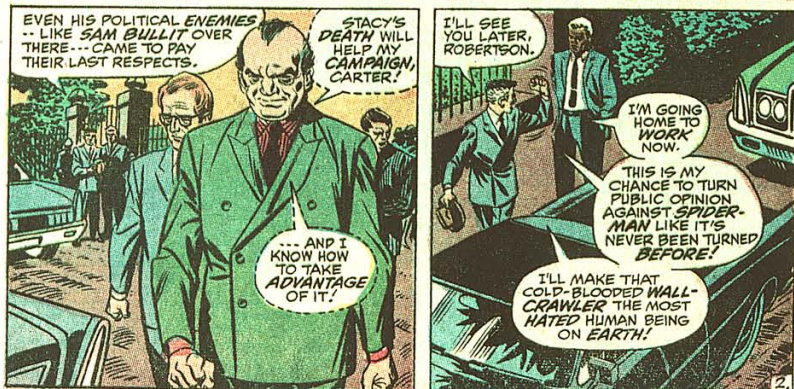
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JIM DRISCOLL IN "Danger on the Field"



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VOW! BIG JOE CAN REALLY PASS!

HE SCORED AGAIN!

SUDDENLY... DANGER

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THAT LITTLE GIRL WANDERED ONTO THE FIELD. SHE'LL GET HURT.

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I'D BETTER GET HER OUT OF THE WAY!

HE'S SAVED CHRISSEY! SHE'S BIG JOE'S SISTER

LATER

THAT SURE WAS A HEROIC FEAT, JIM. BIG JOE WANTS TO THANK YOU HIMSELF.

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--TO DO WHAT I CAN TO RID THE CITY OF MENACES LIKE-- SPIDER-MAN!

HOW, GWEN? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

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HE USED TO BE A COP. JUST LIKE DAD. THEY KNEW EACH OTHER IN THE PAST.

--I'M GOING TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP HIS CAMPAIGN.

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MAY I HELP YOU, YOUNG LADY?

WHAT AN OFFICE! I DIDN'T REALIZE HE WAS SO SUCCESSFUL!

I'D LIKE TO SEE MR. BULLIT, PLEASE.

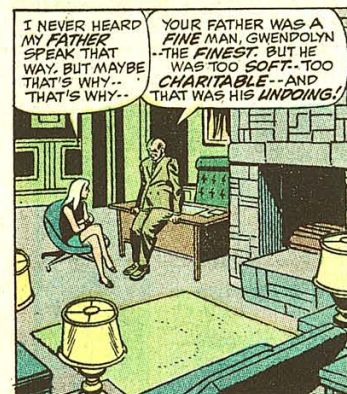
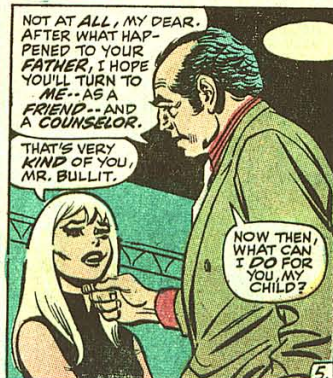
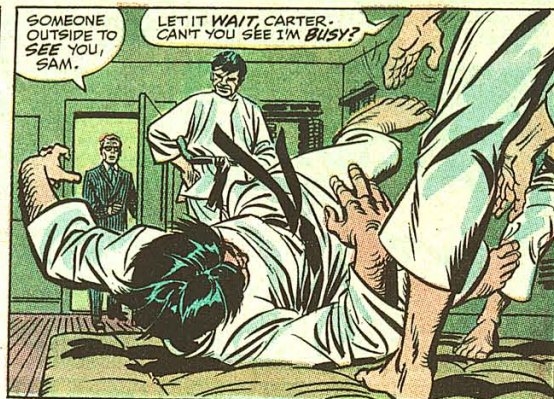
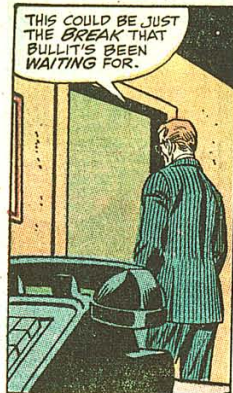
I'M CAPTAIN STACY'S DAUGHTER, GWENDOLYN.

WHAT CAN THIS BE?

RRRRING

STACY'S DAUGHTER TO SEE THE BIG MAN?

SURE, SEND HER RIGHT IN!



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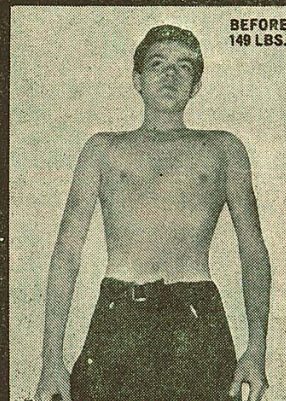
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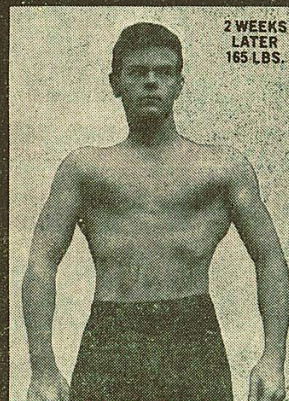
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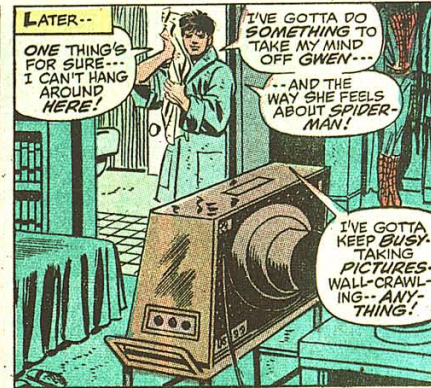
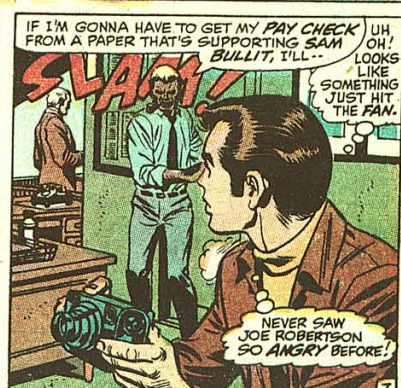
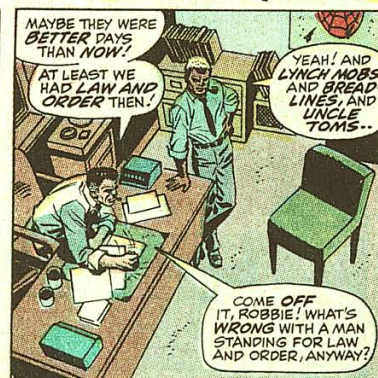
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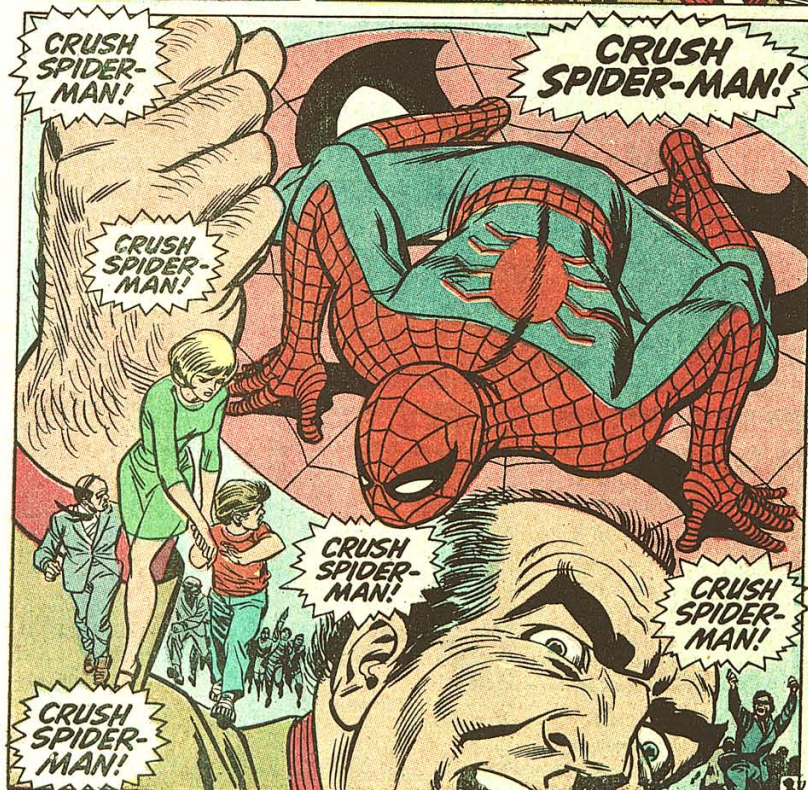
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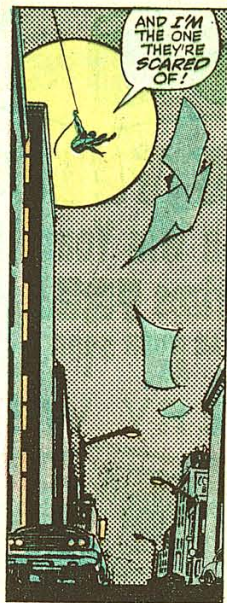
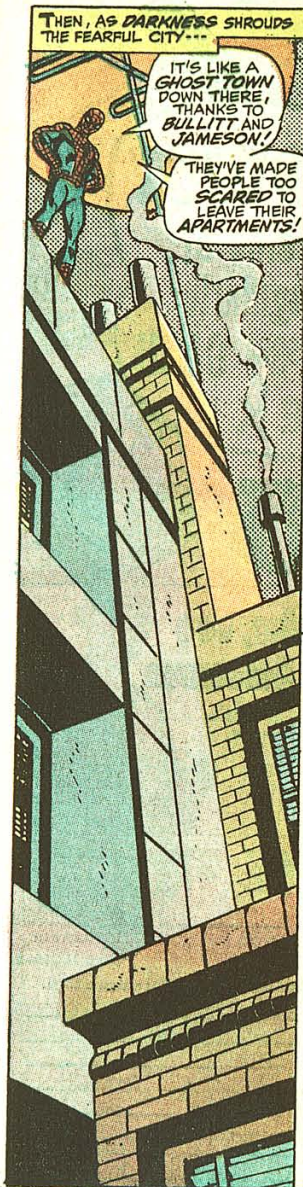
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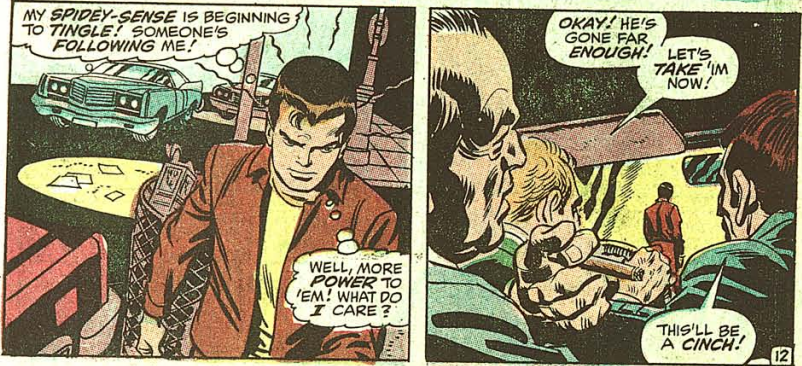
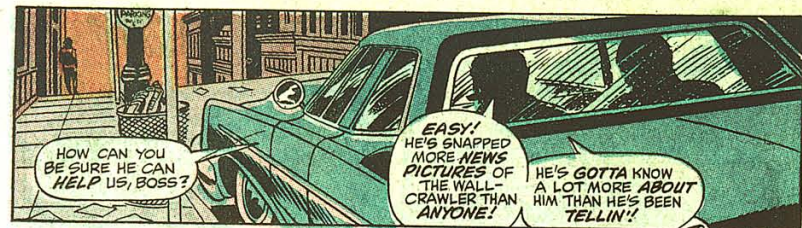
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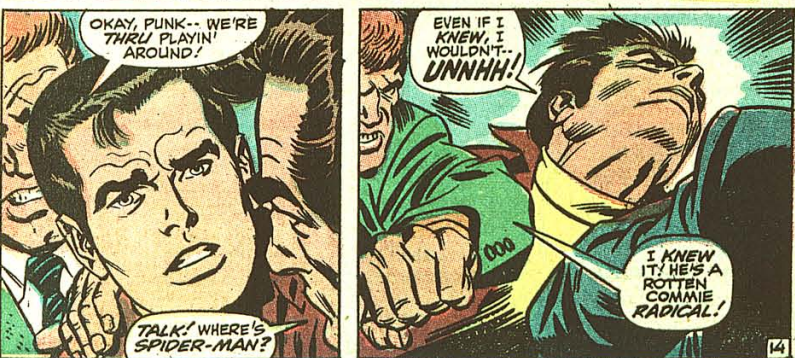
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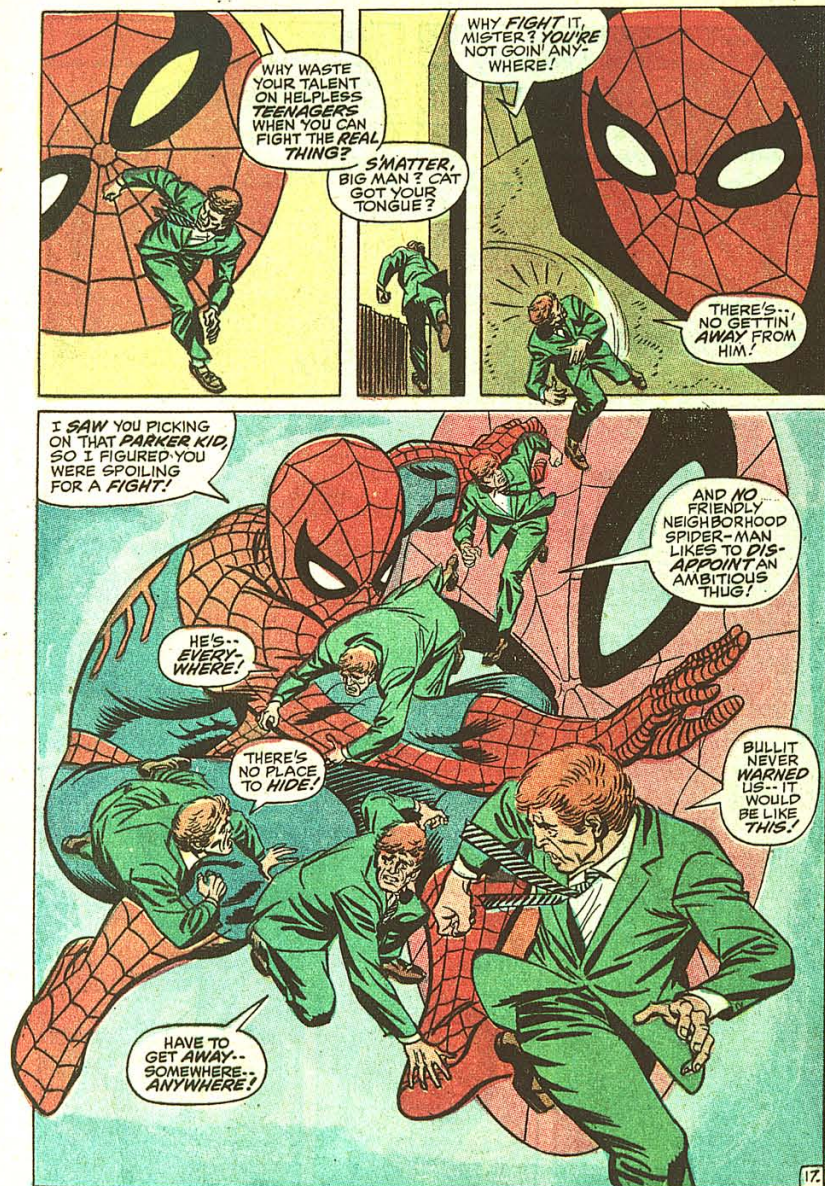
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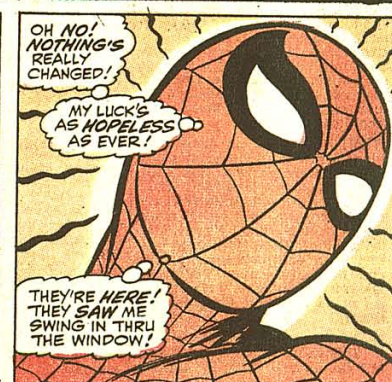
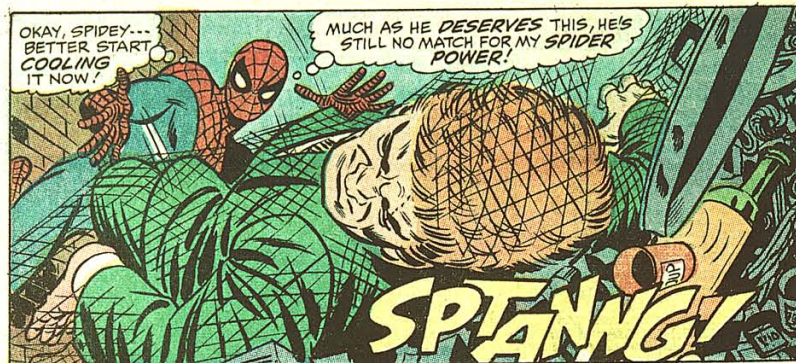
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ITEM! How's this for name-dropping! In Princeton University's Firestone Library you can now savor the adventures of **HULK**, **IRON MAN**, **THOR**, **SUB-MARINER**, etc., etc., according to a recent ish of the Princeton Alumni Weekly. Marvel's little masterpieces even bear their own card catalogue number and the admonition: "Not to be taken from this room!" Not only we could make the Congressional Record!

ITEM! Our belated thanks to SGT. **ROGER D. LANDSBERGER**, 284th MP Co. in Viet Nam, for sending

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ITEM! **BIG JOHN BUSCEMA** takes over as regular artist on *THOR* this month—the mag he was born to illustrate. And many thanks to **NEFARIOUS NEAL ADAMS** for filling in till now. Don't worry, we won't let N.A. get away—Hey, by the way, did you hear that Neal's been elected Vice-Prez of the newly-formed **ACADEMY OF COMIC-BOOK ARTS**? Our own **STAN LEE** was tapped as ACBA's first President, and we'll fill you in on the Acad's progress at frequent intervals—specially when awards-time rolls around!

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I've often mentioned the hundreds of letters we receive each year asking for our opinion of this nutty, hairy, scary, mixed-up world we live in. Time and again I've attempted to give you Bullpen's viewpoint as best I could, seriously, flippanantly, recklessly, cautiously, and perhaps ineffectually. In fact, I tossed in the line: "Life is what happens to you while you're making other plans" on this page last month, figuring it was about as pithy and evasive an epigram as any. Recently, in the magazine section of the *N.Y. Times*, I spotted another gem in which a Harvard student was quoted as saying: "Life is a Fellini movie." It suddenly occurred to me that it's about time, to turn the tables and learn how YOU, our ever-respondent readers, feel about the real-life world outside. So hurry—condense your most profound expression of "what it's all about" into one crisp and canny sentence, and shoot it along to **STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX**, 635 Madison Avenue, NY 10022. As usual, there'll be no prizes 'cause every one can't win and we hate any Marvelite ever to be a loser (almost as much as we hate to spend money). However, some of you will have the indescribable thrill of seeing your one-liners printed in future issues, while the others can seek solace in the fact that their submissions were undoubtedly too witty and wise for us to understand! Onward!

Stan



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Dear Stan, John, and Jim,

I don't believe in beating about the web, so I'll tell you right off that I'm trying for my second no-prize, my Q.N.S., and by virtue of my Q.N.S. (if this should be published) my P.M.M. In issue 87 it would appear that the Prowler has obtained Spidey's wall crawling ability merely by donning his costume! He obviously isn't using his own steel tipped gloves, and Pete is smart enough to realize that if Captain Stacy saw "Spider-Man" hauling himself up a web line at normal human speed instead of skittering lightly up the wall as is his wont, the worthy captain might suspect that somebody ran in a ringer.

Furthermore, while the true identity of Spider-Man has once again been hidden from Gwen, her father, Harry, and Mary Jane, it is my contention that Hobie Brown must come to the conclusion that Peter Parker and Spider-Man are one and the same person. First of all, Captain Stacy indicates to him that somebody is suspected of being Spider-Man: "At the Window! It's... SPIDER-MAN!—The REAL one!" Since Hobie knows that he is not the real Spider-Man, and because Spider-Man required a double, it is a good piece of circumstantial evidence that whoever is suspected of being the wall crawler might, in actuality, be Spider-Man. Now, who might be suspected of being Spidey? Well, Peter Parker apparently has had the web slinger barge in on him before, but since Hobie is not Spidey, and Spidey had to be elsewhere at this particular time, maybe it is Parker who is suspect. Parker is certainly involved with Spider-Man, because Hobie makes a little speech about pictures and Captain Stacy indicates that this is confirmation of a story that has been in doubt: "Then you and Peter DO have a deal! It involves the PHOTOS he takes of you!"

Moreover, "Spider-Man's" excuse for dropping in is to thank Parker for bringing him his costume. Hobie doesn't know whether or not that's true, but he does know for sure that the civvies-clad Spider-Man brought the costume to him.

Not only that, but for someone on fairly intimate terms with the real Spider-Man, it is funny that Parker wouldn't notice the difference between the voice and speech pattern of the real Spider-Man and an imitation. Parker must be on intimate terms with Spider-Man because they have a business arrangement. Spidey is in the habit of barging in on Parker, and Parker is trusted to bring Spidey his costume.

Speaking of costumes, isn't it funny that Parker is wearing clothing exactly identical to the clothing Spider-Man wore when he and Hobie set up the whole scene, a scene that apparently diverts suspicion of being Spider-Man from Peter Parker?

Hobie Brown must come to realize who his benefactor really is. Anyone intelligent enough to design the equipment of the prowler must realize, sooner or later, that Pete is Spider-Man.

Has Pete at last found someone to confide in? Are the tragic years of isolation over for Spider-Man?

Hey, for all this brain work, I think I deserve a double dipped no-prize.

I also have a suggestion. Not too long ago you said that you were wondering where to put a new version of DOCTOR STRANGE. Why not revive STRANGE TALES and give Nick Fury back his own feature too?

William Fesselmeyer, 2129 23rd St.
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For the present, Bill, we've decided to use Nick Fury primarily as a supporting character in our other mags—most notably in CAPTAIN AMERICA, of course. And, as for Doc Strange—well, we're still pondering over that one, but you'll be seeing him pop up somewhere before you notice ill! (Possibly even before we notice it!)

By the way, your theory with regards to Hobie Brown has set about a zillion wheels in motion in the cognizant craniums of our Spidey-plotting threesome: Stan, John R., and of course penciler Gil Kane. It may just be that Spidey and the peerless Prowler are destined to meet again one day soon—and if they do, Peter Parker had better hope that his pal Hobie hasn't been poring over the SPIDER-MAN letters page recently!



Dear Stan,

As you well know, I am not stupid.

My reconstruction of the recent life of Peter Parker has led me to believe that he has been struggling to keep his dual identity a secret from J. Jonah Jameson, Captain Stacy, Joe Robertson, Gwen, Aunt May, and possibly Harry. In so doing, he has dropped his guard towards other people and virtually told me that he is Spider-Man.

Now that I have acquired this knowledge, it is only fair that I take a more important role in Spidey's career. Covering up his secret identity, like I did that day, is trivial compared to my full capabilities. Remember, in our brief battle I was almost Spidey's equal. True, he hasn't needed a sidekick often, but if you cats don't fit me into more stories, I may do something drastic, like tell jolly J.J. what I've discovered.

In case you're wondering how I found out, Spidey swung toward me carrying his uniform and wearing a web mask, yellow shirt, brown jacket and olive pants. When I arrived wearing his costume, I saw the same shirt, jacket, and pants, plus a face. Besides, Spidey told me to mention that Parker returned his costume, and later Capt. Stacy spoke of a certain Peter taking photos of the web-slinger. From there, it was easy.

Hobie X Julius Collins, 9 Nixon Court
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Hoo boy! We no sooner weasel our way thru the above letter by Bill Fesselmeyer, than happy Hobie Brown himself drops us a missive saying essentially the same thing! (Though why he had to have you send it, Julius, we're still not quite sure!)

No doubt about it—we'll have to work out all these spidey threads in a future issue. So perhaps we should stop perspiring and thank Messrs. Fesselmeyer and Collins. Without their assiduous help, we'd have to make up our own swingin' stories!

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Dear Stan and John,

I write this letter in response to Stan Reynold's missive printed in issue #82 of SPIDER-MAN. In it, he states that it is physically impossible for Spider-Man to use his second finger in order to operate his web-shooter. In this he is quite correct; he proved it to himself, and so have I. Not even if Parker were double-jointed could he perform such a task. However, to solve this problem, I did some research in past Spider-Man magazines, and I am pleased to announce haps is not gone. Spider-Man operates his web-shooter with his third finger! In every case I have examined, this is true. Such examples are:

Issue #77, page 10, panel 3, or
Issue #65, page 14, panel 4, or
Issue #60, page 16, panels 6 and 8. In fact, the very issue in which Stan's letter appears shows even more proof of this. I refer to page 18; panel 11! I feel that perhaps Steve Ditko's artistry (if his name is still uttered around the bull-pen) was slightly off when Annual #1 (not #2) was made. (And besides, it's a lot easier to admit a mistake that long ago rather than all the other 'mistakes' you've made in every single issue from #60 on, perhaps even further back! Fine, one problem down. Now I have a question, before you bestow the no-prize on me.

When Spider-Man shoots out his webbing, he can separate it from the origin, the nozzle. May I inquire as to how? Does his nozzle contain a small blade of some sort which cuts the strand? If so, how does he make it cut when he desires it to be cut? There is only one control button, yet it performs more than one task, it would appear. Perhaps some other well-versed Marvelite can explain how Spider-Man can fit all the functions of a miniature computer brain into a tiny little nozzle, I sure can't.

And now, just a comment on your new style, that of putting a limit to your continued stories, which, I personally feel, made Marvel what it is today. When you had them, a lot of people would say that many parted stories were to make the reader buy more magazines than he might normally buy. This I feel was unfair. After all, you do work for money, and the obvious purpose of any product is to sell. However, the way you wrote your stories, I didn't feel you were cheating me—I felt you were

doing just the opposite—keeping me away from the same drab repeated format of see villain, fight villain, and so on. Please start your three-and four-part stories again, particularly in the FF and Spider-Man books. Marvel just isn't Marvel without it. And that way you can also repair my second gripe—that of reducing panel size. In the early Spider-Man comics you did this, and so much detail was lost. Please don't shrink panels, increase stories.

Just one last unrelated comment: why not put the Inhumans and the Guardians of the Galaxy together in one magazine like you did the Hulk and Subby? Well it was just a thought. Hoo-boy, has 'nuff been said already?!

Evan Katten, 719 Kenmare Rd
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Maybe by you, Evan, but not by us! We'd truly be remiss if we passed up a chance here to remind you that the Inhumans are currently sharing a mag—if not with the Guardians, then with the somewhat more attractive Black Widow.

Your letter presents us with such problems on the matter of Spidey's webbing that we're going to defer our answer to some future issue of the book itself—and we'll count on you to remind us if we go too long without going into this all-important problem. (Maybe we'll have a bit more time and breathing-space now, because—as you've no doubt noticed—we've crept slowly and silently back into the continued-story bag when the situation seems to warrant it. Maybe you're right, Evan—you and the many others who wrote us to inform us that it was certain elements of our continued stories that made Marvel great. And so, since we always dug them ourselves, we've decided to let nature take its course—and to present either one, two, or multiple-part stories according to the dictates of the individual story, not our own editorial whim.

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